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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Encouraging Seamen and Landmen to Enter themſelves on Board Her Majeſties Ships of War.

ANNE R.

WHereas it is Our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all ſuch Seamen and Able-Bodied Landmen, who ſhall Voluntarily Enter themſelves in Our Service, and Remain on Board Our Ships of War in Our Royal Navy, We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to publiſh this Our Royal Proclamation; And We do hereby Promiſe and Declare, That all ſuch Seamen and Able-Bodied Landmen, (not above the Age of Fifty five Years, and not under the Age of Sixteen Years) who, on or before the Firſt Day of February next, ſhall Voluntarily Enter themſelves in Our Service, either with the Officers of Our Ships of War, of the Firſt, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Rates, or of any of Our Fire-Ships, Bomb-Veſſels or Tenders, who ſhall be in Sea-Pay by that time, or with any Juſtice of the Peace, or Vice-Admiral, to Serve on Board any of Our ſaid Ships or Veſſels, ſhall Receive, as Our Free Gift and Royal Bounty, the reſpective Rewards and Allowances following, (Viz.) Every ſuch Seaman, Two Months Pay, and every ſuch Able-Bodied Landman, One Months Pay, to be Paid to them reſpectively by the Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of Our Navy, before the reſpective Ships, on which they ſhall be, do Proceed to Sea. And We do hereby Require and Direct, That if any ſuch Seamen, or Able-Bodied Landman, ſhall, within the time before mentioned, or within Twelve Days after, Enter himſelf with any Juſtice of the Peace, or Vice-Admiral, to ſerve on Board any of Our ſaid Ships of War, or other Veſſels before mentioned, ſuch Juſtice of the Peace, or Vice-Admiral reſpectively, ſhall give to each Man ſo Entring, a Certificate under his Hand and Seal (without Fee or Reward) of his Entry, and the time of ſuch Entry, and for what Ship, and ſhall thereby limit ſuch a Number of Days as may be neceſſary for his Repairing on Board ſuch Ship, or any other Ship, Bomb-Veſſel or Tender, in Our Service, at the next Port. And We do hereby Declare, That all ſuch Seamen, and Able-Bodied Landmen, who ſhall, on or before the ſaid Firſt Day of February next enſuing, Enter themſelves, as aforeſaid, and within the time limited and appointed in ſuch Certificate, Repair on Board any of Our Ships or Tenders, ſhall be Intituled to Our Royal Bounty herein before appointed, according to their reſpective Qualifications, and not otherwiſe; And that they and alſo ſuch who ſhall ſo Enter themſelves within Twelve days after the ſaid Firſt Day of February, ſhall be allowed Time without Moleſtation to render themſelves on Board Our Ships of War; And therefore We do hereby Require and Command all Captains Commanding any of Our Ships of War, or other Our Ships or Veſſels aforeſaid, and all other Perſons whatſoever, Authoriſed or Impowered to Impreſs Mariners for Our Service, That they do not Impreſs or Moleſt any ſuch Seaman or Able-Bodied Landmen, to whom ſuch Certificates, as aforeſaid, ſhall be given, according to the true intent and meaning of this Our Royal Proclamation, or any Men now in Our Service, who by Tickets Signed by any One of Our Flag-Officers, have or ſhall have Leave to be Abſent from their Duty to the Firſt Day of February next, before they ſhall fail to render themſelves on Board ſuch of Our Ships, Veſſels or Tenders, on which they ſhall Enter themſelves to Serve, or to which they ſhall belong, according to the Time limited by ſuch their Certificates or Tickets. And to the end We may be truly informed what Perſons ſhall ſo Enter and Render themſelves to Serve on Board Our Fleet, in purſuance of this Our Proclamation, We do hereby Require and Command Our reſpective Captains Commanding any of Our ſaid Ships of War, or other Our Ships or Veſſels aforeſaid, and alſo all Juſtices of the Peace and Vice-Admirals within this Realm reſpectively, to tranſmit to the Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of Our Navy exact Liſts and Accounts of the Names, Ages and Diſcriptions of the Perſons who ſhall voluntarily Enter themſelves with them, and the Time when, and Place where, and for what Ship, and of the Time which ſhall be allowed them reſpectively for Rendring themſelves on Board, and of the Times of their reſpective Repairing on Board any of Our ſaid Ships. And We do hereby Command and Require the ſaid Seamen and Landmen to repair on Board the reſpective Ships on which they ſhall ſo Enter themſelves, or to which they ſhall belong, within the time limited by ſuch Certificates or Tickets, on pain of Our higheſt Diſpleaſure. And We are alſo graciouſly pleaſed to Declare, That Conduct-Money, according to the Practice of the Navy, ſhall be allowed to all ſuch Seamen and Landmen, ſo Voluntarily Entring and Rendring themſelves on Board, according to the true meaning of this Our Royal Proclamation. And for prevention of any Deceits or Abuſes which may happen by any Perſon or Perſons Leaving the Ships to which they belong, and Entring him or themſeves on Board any other of Our Ships, as aforeſaid, in order to the Obtaining the Bounty-Money herein before Granted, We do hereby likewiſe Direct, Declare, and Command, That ſuch Seamen and Landmen belonging to any of Our Ships or Veſſels whatſoever, as ſhall abſent themſelves from any of the Ships or Veſſels to which they ſhall belong, and ſhall Enter themſelves on Board any other of Our Ships, in order to the Obtaining the ſaid Bounty-Money, ſhall not only loſe the Wages due to them in the Ship which they ſhall ſo leave, but alſo be ſeverely puniſhed according to their Demerits. And We do hereby further Declare, That if ſuch Men in Our Service, who are or ſhall be permitted to be Abſent by ſuch Tickets, as aforeſaid, do not repair on Board their reſpective Ships by the time allowed by ſuch Tickets, they ſhall not only be liable to be Impreſſed, but to ſuffer ſuch further Puniſhment as by Law may be inflected on them for ſuch their Neglect. And We do hereby alſo ſtrictly Charge and Command all the Captains and Officers of Our Ships, and others, who ſhall be Imployed in the Impreſſing of Men for Our Fleet, that they take particular Care not to Impreſs or Entertain any Perſons whatſoever, who ſhall not be fitly Qualified to ſerve in Our Royal Navy. And whereas it has been often found, that in time of War, great Numbers of Seamen have left the uſual Places of their Abode, and have removed themſelves into Private and Obſcure Places, Endeavouring thereby to avoid the Publick Service when there is the greateſt Occaſion for them, We do hereby therefore Require and Command all Our Juſtices of the Peace, Conſtables and other Officers, that they not only give all neceſſary Aſſiſtance to Our Officers Imployed in Preſſing as aforeſaid; But that they do uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to Diſcover, Secure and Send to ſome Sea-Port Town all ſuch Seamen as ſhall ſo Abſcond, after the ſaid Firſt Day of February next, in order to their being put on Board Our Fleet, in Ours and their Countreys Service, and that of what they ſhall do therein, they from time to time ſend an Account to the Commiſſioners of Our Navy.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's* the One and thirtieth Day of *December*, 1702. In the Firſt Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Venice, Dec. 29. *N. S.* An Expreſs arrived this week from *Verona*, with Letters from General *Molino*, giving an Account, That the *French* had taken *Governolo* from the Imperialiſts, with the Loſs, as it is ſaid, of 2500 Men, in which number are reckoned 400 Officers. The *Germans* are now taking all poſſible Care to ſecure the Poſt of *Oſtiglia* on the *Po*. The River *Secchia* has lately

lately overflowed its Banks and done much Damage to the neighbouring Country, especially about *Mirandola*, one of the Towns where the *German* Forces are quartered. Cardinal *Grimani* is come from *Rome* to *Verona*, in his way to *Vienna*. We have an Account from *Naples* of the Death of Cardinal *Gauzelmi*, whereby that Archbishoprick, and an Eleventh Place in the College of Cardinals, are become vacant. Cardinal *Medicis* is declared Protector of the Affairs of *France* at the Court of *Rome*.

Vienna, December 30. This Court continues to make Preparations against the Elector of *Bavaria*. Count *Solari* is gone to *Saltsbeurg*, to treat with the Archbishop of that Place, for some Troops which are to be employed against that Elector. The Count *de la Tour*, who, upon that Prince's seizing of *Ulm*, quitted his Service, and came over to the Emperor, was declared yesterday Lieutenant Field-Marshal, and Governor of *Constance*, in the room of the Count of *Furstemberg*, who was killed in the last Campaign at the Battel of *Fridlingen*: He has also the Promise of the first Regiment of Horse or Dragoons that shall become vacant; and in the mean time is to receive the Pay of Governor, Lieutenant-General, and Colonel. The Duke of *Lorrain* has represented to this Court the Oppression he lies under from *France*, which has lately seized his Dutchy, contrary to the Treaty lately concluded for its enjoying a Neutrality. The Bishop of *Osnabrug*, his Brother, will be here by the 5th of *January* next. Prince *Eugene* is also shortly expected from *Italy*.

Coblentz, January 6. The Prince of Hesse Cassel, and the other General Officers here, continue their Conferences, and it is said they have resolved to content themselves with blocking up the Castle of Traerback for the present, and to defer the Siege for a more proper Season. About 1000 French Soldiers have got into that Place, being brought down the Moselle in 7 large Boats, notwithstanding the fire of our Forces, and those of Hesse, which are in Garison at Berncastel and Kroef. We hear, the French are drawing together a Body of 6000 Men on the Maese, to guard a great Convoy of Provisions which is to be carried to Bon. Several Troops of Hussars have been to view the Country along the River Saar, and another Body of them is entered into the Dutchy of Luxembourg, which has put the Inhabitants of that Country into a great Consternation.

Francfort, Jan. 7. The new Levies made here for recruiting and augmenting the Forces of this City, will be compleat in a short time, and then others will be begun for the Service of the Emperor, and some other Princes. Deputies are arrived here from the several Princes and Towns of the Circle of the *Upper Rhine*, in order to be present at the Diet of the States of that Circle, which will be begun here next week. The Elector Palatine's Forces have taken Post at *Hombourg*, *Bisweiler*, and *St. Vendel*, which proves of great use for preventing the Excursions of the Enemy's Parties on that side. The *French* have put a strong Garison into *Saar Louis*, and are getting together there a good quantity of Provisions. Preparations are made for the Siege of *Traerbach*, a very fine Train of Artillery, with a great quantity of Ammunition, being got ready at *Rhinfelas* for that purpose; but the great Rains we have lately had, have put a stop to all manner of Action. The *French* threaten to make another Attempt upon the Castle of *Heirersheim*, as soon as the Weather permits.

Cologne, January 9. The States of this Archbishoprick are separated: They have resolved, That the publick Revenues should be applied towards carrying on the War, and have granted some Subsidies besides for the same Service, which all together will amount to 150000 Crowns. A Diet of the States of the Country of Sourland is shortly to be held at Arensberg, and the Chapter intends to send two Deputies to assist at that Assembly. The Emperor's Mandates and Avocatoria against the Elector of Cologne have lately been published in those Parts. The French Garison at Rhinberg is very much streightened by the Forces of the Allies which are quartered in the Neighbourhood of that Town. The French work with great diligence on the Fortifications of Bon, and are providing that Place with a good quantity of Provisions and Ammunition, and other necessaries for its Defence.

Paris, January 8. The French King has given out Commissions for raising 100 Regiments of Foot, which will amount in the whole to 60000 Men: The Colonels of most of these Regiments have undertaken to raise them without putting the King to any Expence, and in order thereunto have preferred to be Captains under them, any Persons that will be at the Charge of raising their own Companies. Commissions are also given out for raising 8 Regiments of Dragoons. Taxes are laid upon all publick Offices, even those which were sold at a very dear rate but the last year, a great value being put upon them till now, because hitherto those who enjoyed them were exempted from such Exactions: This occasions a great deal of murmuring; and the Practice of pressing Men into the King's Service, causes many of the Country People to leave their Habitations.

Hague, January 12. *N. S.* The States General have sent Proposals to the several Provinces, for the hiring of such a number of Foreign Troops as they judge necessary to be added to the Forces which they have already on foot, to the end the great Advantages which were gained in the Netherlands by the Confederate Forces the last Campaign, may be maintained, notwithstanding the great Additions which the French intend to make to their Forces on that side next Summer. Upon the Memorials lately presented to the States by the Envoys from the Emperor and Her Majesty of Great Britain, pressing them effectually to forbid all Trade with France, they have earnestly recommended that Matter to the States of the several Provinces, whereof most are said to have already given their Consent to such a Prohibition. The Government of Boisleduc is not yet disposed of; the Competition is only between the Earl of Athlone and Monsieur d'Obdam, Monsieur d'Averquerque, who was also in nomination, having desisted.

St. James's, January 4. Her Majesty has been pleased to constitute the Rt. Hon. *John Howe* Esq; Receiver and Paymaster General of the Guards and Garisons, and of *Chelsea* Hospital, in the place of the Rt. Hon. *Richard* Earl of *Ranelagh*.

St. James's, January 5. A very Dutiful and Loyal Address from the Council and Assembly of Her Majesty's Island of *Jamaica*, was presented to Her Majesty by Sir *Gilbert Heathcote* and Sir *Bartholomew Gracedieu*, introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of *Nottingham*, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State.

Whereas Her Majesty hath been pleased to order, That all Her Majesty's Ships, which have been in Sea Pay this Year, shall be paid to the 1st of July last; His Royal Highness, Lord High Admiral, does hereby require all such Seamen belonging to the said Ships, that are now in Town, or otherwise absent from their Duty, to repair forthwith on board the Ships whereunto they do respectively belong; for that otherwise they will either be made Run, or stay for the Recals of the said Ships, before they receive their Wages.

Advertisements.

☞ There is newly Published, The Truth of the Christian Religion. Written Originally in Italian, for the Benefit of the Court of Savoy, by the Marquis of Pianezza. To which is prefix'd, an Account of the Author, of his Treatise, and the Translation of it. With Occasional Remarks upon some Particulars in the Original. Dedicated to the Lord Bishop of Exon. By Tho. Wise, M. A. Fellow of Exeter College in Oxford. Printed for D. Brown without Temple-bar, and J. Taylor in St. Paul's Church-yard.

☞ There is newly Published, The Twin Rivals: A Comedy: As it is Acted at the Theater Royal; by Her Majesty's Servants. Printed for B. Lintott at the Middle-Temple-Gate in Fleet-street. Price 1 s. 6 d.

☞ There is newly Published, The Prints of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, London, on four Sheets of Imperial Paper, shewing at three views the Ichnography, or Ground Plat, the Scenography, or Upright, that is, the West End, or Front, the East End, and South Side, which make an entire and compleat Model of the outside. Examined and revised by some of the best Architectors, and approved of by other ingenious Persons; And if they meet with due Encouragement, the Author (William Emmet) designs to proceed to show the inside, both in streight Lines and Prospective. Sold by Tho. Bowles in St. Paul's Church-yard.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt against Samuel Sheppard, late of Beccles in Suffolk, Grocer, intend to sit on Monday the 25th Instant, at Martin Dade's House in Beccles aforesaid, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; And all Creditors concerned are then and there to come prepared to prove their Debts and pay their Contribution-money, or they'l be excluded the said Dividend.

LOst the 30th past, about 6 in the evening, from before a Coachbox, between Cornhill, and Smith-street in Westminster, a Deal Box, containing Lac'd Head-Clothes, Night-Clothes, and other Linnen Apparrel. Whoever brings or gives notice of them to Mr. William Griffith, Merchant, in Smith-street aforesaid, shall have a Guinea Reward.

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